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A Wish.

AN ELEGY. BY W. M. MACDONALD.

There were some green hills
Where crystal streams are flowing;

Where hills wave milder like the shore,

And palms are blowing.

It's like where palms and palms dwell

And birds and birds are singing;

Where doves like the lawn and meadow,

As though the grass they're springing.

Where skies are bright with sunshine that

The sun will never bend over;

Where winds blow soft from the south,

And gentle blossoms wreath them.

Where leaves and trees stand alone,

And shadows make the stronger;

Where sunlight strikes to laughter be

In shade, east, or danger.

Where men to man suffice his need,

Both green and white existence;

Where speech is child of charity,

And kind grace works salvation.

Where man is what he seems to be,

No desire in his being;

But with straightforward honesty

An open heart revealing.

Where virtue rules with equal sway,

Like in man and woman.

Where priests adhere to truth and right,

No known to man's keeping;

Where charms lie, instead of light

Our shadowed dogmas veiling.

Where there, where every man is pure,

And acts as he professes;

Where women long on thoughts world

Of scandal ever whisper.

A work to look at, meet,

A dream of the soul's making;

A ray seen in a stormy sky

As 'tis the clouds are breaking.

A truthful light of the soul,

For good and bad intend;

May every soul be pure and pure—

A prayer to Heaven extended.

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VARIETY.

The proud and happy father of a two-weeks old baby calls it "Ma's newly-discovered satelite."

"In evening" said a professor of astronomy the other day, "I counted twenty-seven meteors falling on my balcony."

"Angustus," said Austin, "how do yours get any air to breathe when their shells are closed tight?" "Blow'em," answered Gus.

Some one suggests that the Londoners place Cleopatra's Needle in Threadneedle-street. But wouldn't it be just as proper to stick it in the outskirt?

The Major—"You're a very nice fellow, Tommy! Don't mind people tell you so?" Tommy—"Yes, they does; and they often gives me something."

That sensible apostrophe around the world may perhaps be able to tell us when it occurs why a man always takes off his boots first when undressing, while a woman begins at her hair-pins.

The Rev. Mr. Blant, at a meeting held in London recently, said, "Not long ago, a woman had taken him in with a pithy retort that her husband had not done a day's work for six months. It was true, she was a bright wench."

"What is the difference," asked Archdeacon Whately of a young chorister who was examining between a form and an anatomy? The meaning seems nearly the same yet there is a very nice distinction." Various answers were given. "Well," said he "it lies in this: you are upon a form, but you stand upon ceremony."

At a supper party, where all the guests are dexterous with wine, a young woman receives a fearful slap across the face from another young woman. Does she pluck up the other young woman's face with her nails, or pluck out the other young woman's hair? No, she takes a most awful vengeance, and exclaims: "Seven and three-quarters—oh!"

Several men swam the Mississippi river above New Orleans for a wager. A reporter of the race says: "None of them seemed to be putting forth much effort till it was discovered that an alligator had struck out from shore as a competitor, and then—well, every man did his best to keep the alligator from carrying off the stakes."

Father's wife (an old green who has called with a message)—"Now, John, that's a glass of good beer, isn't it? Home brewed that: nothing in it but good malt and hops." John: "Yes, man, and the water." Father's wife: "Well, you, of course, the water. I'd forgotten that." John (tasting) "Nay, man, I've been lied to here."

Waxed rive seems a curious thing, yet, strange to say, says the analyst, it is now in the market. It appears that over two per cent of wax adds a peculiar lustre to rice, and makes it look so pretty that the Dutch are profiting much by preparing it for the English to use. Present time is said to be added, and certainly the appearance of some samples bears out this statement.

Handkerchiefs are becoming an important article of import into China, and small quantities find their way into the interior. They are chiefly, if not all, of cotton fabric in gayly patterned and colors which will not stand much washing, but, as that is a process they are not frequently subjected to and they are very cheap, little is said about it.

The British Consul at Jacina notes among the annual exports from China between 200,000 and 400,000 handkerchiefs. They come to that island in vast numbers every winter to feed on the berries of the acacia and arbutus, with which the mountains are covered. Here they become very fat, and their flavor and perfume are food cause than to be much esteemed by the gourmets of Paris.

The last novelty in the military economy of the English War-office, which has deserved that beneath the usual epithet "whiffing" shall not be paid to a soldier who re-enlists. Now, this "shilling" advance, as a pledge of engagement and binding a contract, is essentially a rural custom, pertaining to the "hiring" for annual service at the country wakes and fairs, and the not giving it is an obligation not that will go far to avail against re-enlistment.

Some time ago, at Nise, a neighbor of Alphonse Karr, a professional gardener called in poor Gerard, and a sorry way, brought to him a pinch of silk-worm's egg, which he mistook for rare flower seeds, and sowed consequently, according to the recipe. When he discovered the bear he had nothing, but as a revenge, he exaded a packet of herring eggs to be sent from Paris to poor Gerard, together with various real seeds. The ensuing old peasant, who perceived the trick at first sight, pretended to be greatly obliged for the present and to give the new seeds. After a few days, however, he called upon the literate. "Monsieur Karr," said he, "I have seen those new varieties which you gave me, and want to see the results." They went together to the garden, where Karr was shown a splendid bed of red-herrings, heads upwards, emerging from the earth!

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